

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 509

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ben Jewell, proprietor of Jewell Roofing in Millersville, for his outstanding record of community service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to specially recognize those estimable Tennesseans who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Ben Jewell, proprietor of Jewell Roofing, who stands as a model of selflessness, compassion, and community service to the people of Millersville and this State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jewell has devoted innumerable hours and considerable financial resources to the city-sponsored ReNew Crew program, which was established to assist the elderly, the disabled, and low-income families with much needed home repairs; and

WHEREAS, dependent on donated money, labor, and materials, the ReNew Crew gathers volunteers together on ReNewal Day, the first Saturday in May of each year, to paint, build new decks, repair stairs, replace siding, haul away trash, landscape, repair roofs, and replace gutters; and

WHEREAS, in addition to helping the less fortunate and struggling, ReNew Crew coordinators and volunteers hope to restore pride in ownership throughout Millersville; and

WHEREAS, since the program began in 2007, Ben Jewell has donated construction materials, personnel, and two thousand dollars to the ReNew Crew; he has replaced the roofs on three homes and the gutters on two homes, all without incurring any costs for the ReNew Crew; and

WHEREAS, his work always meets the highest standards; for the 2009 ReNewal Day, Mr. Jewell replaced an entire roof, to which he could have simply applied a new layer of shingles; and

WHEREAS, according to Ben Jewell, it is always his habit to “think of each home as my own,” adding, “I will fix it as if I were going to live there”; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of good citizens like Mr. Jewell who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Ben Jewell, proprietor of Jewell Roofing in Millersville, for his outstanding record of community service, thank him for all he has done for the Millersville ReNew Crew program and the people of this State, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.